

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has scheduled an informational meeting to discuss State Implementation Plan (SIP) requirements related to a number of air quality rules adopted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The meeting will be held:

Date and Time: **January 31, 2006 - 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

Location: **MassDEP Offices, 1 Winter Street, Boston, MA**

We will discuss possible state requirements related to the following EPA rules:

- 8-Hour Ozone Standard Implementation, including Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT)
- Regional Haze Rule and Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART)
- Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR)

Facilities that may be affected are:

- Electric generating units (EGUs);
- NOx Budget Program sources under 310 CMR 7.28;
- “BART eligible” sources under the Regional Haze rule (units constructed between 1962 and 1977 with a potential to emit ≥ 250 tons per year of certain pollutants); and
- Large industrial, commercial or institutional boilers (≥ 100 mmBtu/hr), which may be required to meet new RACT limits.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide facilities with information about the background for EPA’s rules, issues for consideration at the state level, and timetables for state action.

Background information about the EPA rules is available at the following sites:

8-hour ozone standard: <http://www.epa.gov/ozonedesignations/statedesig.htm>

Clean Air Interstate Rule: <http://www.epa.gov/cair/rule.html>

Regional Haze/BART: <http://www.epa.gov/visibility/factsheet.html>

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

RACT-CAIR-BART Stakeholders Meeting

January 31, 2006 - 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

1 Winter Street, Boston MA

1. Purpose of Meeting/Review of Agenda

- Provide information to potentially affected Massachusetts facilities
- Receive initial stakeholder feedback and input

2. Background on upcoming multiple State Implementation Plan (SIP) requirements:

RACT (Reasonably Available Control Technology) under 8-Hour Ozone Standard

- Background/requirements
- Ozone Transport Commission regional planning process
- Institutional/Commercial/Industrial Boilers – tighter RACT controls are under consideration for boilers $\geq 100\text{mmBtu/hr}$
- Issues to be resolved
- Timetable for state action
- Feedback and questions

EPA's Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR)

- Background/requirements
- Sources affected: Electric Generating Units (EGUs), NOx Budget Program participants under 310 CMR 7.28
- Ozone Transport Commission regional planning for EGU reductions
- Areas of state flexibility under CAIR rule
- Issues to be resolved
- Timetable for state action
- Feedback and questions

Regional Haze Rule and Best Available Control Technology (BART)

- Background/requirements
- MANE-VU (Mid-Atlantic-Northeast Visibility Union) regional planning process
- BART “eligible” sources and potential BART controls
- Issues to be resolved
- Timetable for state action
- Feedback and questions

3. Other issues

4. Stakeholder response

5. Summary and Next Steps